
9th FEBRUARY, 1805.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

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Extending the right of suffrage, in the Mississippi territory, and for other purposes.

1 **Be it enacted**, by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,
3 That every free male person in the Mississippi territory, above
4 the age of twenty-one years, having been a citizen of one of the
5 United States, and resided in the said territory one year, next
6 preceding an election of representatives, or if not a citizen of one
7 of the United States, having resided two years in the territory
8 aforesaid, and in either case, having paid a county or territorial
9 tax, assessed at least six months previous to such election, shall
10 be equally entitled to vote for representatives, as if he were pos-
11 sessed of a freehold, in fifty acres of land; any thing in the ordi-
12 nance for the government of the said territory, to the contrary
13 notwithstanding.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the general assembly of
2 the aforesaid Mississippi territory, shall have power to apportion
3 the representatives of the different counties, in the said territory,
4 according to the number of free male inhabitants, above the age of
5 twenty-one years, in such counties, *Provided,* That there be not
6 more than twelve, nor less than ten, of the whole number of re-
7 presentatives; any act or acts to the contrary, notwithstanding.